

ointment, paste, stick, in particular lipstick, or skin spray].

29. (Amended) Composition according to [one of the claims] claim 1 [to 27, characterized in that] , wherein it is present in the form of a formulation for application on hair or scalp[, in particular as a shampoo, conditioner or aqueous or oily lotion].
30. (Amended) Method for protecting skin, mucous membranes, hair or scalp against health-damaging UV radiation and strengthening the natural skin barrier comprising applying a [Use of solid, polymorphic, crystalline or partially crystalline lipid particles or a Composition according to one of the preceding claims as an agent with] UV radiation-absorbing and/or reflecting [action, for application on] composition to the skin, mucous membranes, hair [and] or scalp [for protection against health-damaging UV radiation and strengthening the natural skin barrier], wherein the composition comprises solid, polymorphic lipid particles which are crystalline or partially crystalline and have a size below 5  $\mu\text{m}$  (average value of the main population), optionally in the form of a solid inner phase (lipid phase) dispersed in an outer liquid phase, and wherein the solid polymorphic particles have an endothermic peak above 20°C during the heating-up phase in heat calorimetry (DSC - differential scanning calorimetry).
31. (Amended) [Use] Method according to claim 30, [characterized in that] wherein the particles dispersed in an outer phase[, in particular water,] are applied directly as a dispersion onto the skin or mucous membranes.

## REMARKS

Consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-31 and 33- are pending in the application.

Claims 1-31 have been amended to correct minor informalities. No claims have been amended to overcome prior art. No new matter has been added.

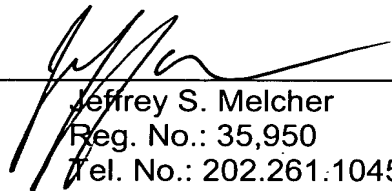
Basis for new claims 33-44 can be found in the present specification including as follows:

- new claim 33 at original claim 4;
- new claim 34 at original claim 15;
- new claim 36 at original claim 20;
- new claim 37 at original claim 21;

new claim 38 at original claim 27;  
new claim 39 at original claim 28;  
new claim 40 at original claim 29;  
new claim 41 at original claim 31; and  
new claims 42-44 at original claims 1, 20 and 21.

Entry of this amendment and a favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

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